

HO-913

Williams-Biller House  
9583 Old Annapolis Road  
Private

**Description:**

The Williams-Biller House faces northeast toward the road and is a one-story U-plan building with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable with a northwest-southeast ridge. The building is four bays by three bays, and the front wings project forward and have gable roofs with northeast-southwest ridges. The siding may cover asbestos shingles. On the northeast elevation, the center two bays have a porch. The northwest elevation of the east wing has a flush door with three lights. The roof pitch on the northeast half is steep while the southeast half has a shallow roof pitch. The southwest elevation has a door with nine lights over a crossbuck. The interior has been completely remodeled and cut up, with a drop ceiling and a raised floor to the rear of the building. This remodeling work all appears to date to the 1970s.

**Significance:**

The Williams-Biller House sits on two lots in the "Columbia Woodlands" subdivision purchased from the Halloway Company in 1936 by William and Ruth Bond of Baltimore City. The Bonds sold these lots in 1939, at which time they were still residents of Baltimore. It is possible that they built the existing house but did not stay long, or perhaps built it for resale, but most likely Henry and Bobbie Williams were the first to inhabit the new house. They remained there until 1945, when they sold it to the Biller family. The interior of the house was extensively altered by the last residents, the Gregors, and retains no historic integrity. On the exterior the original form of the house remains, a U plan with the entrance between the arms of the U. The house was scheduled to be demolished in June 2006 for redevelopment.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-913

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Williams-Biller House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 9583 Old Annapolis Road not for publication

city, town Columbia vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dorsey Crossing LLC

street and number PO Box 417 telephone 410-465-4244

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21041-0417

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 30-229

city, town Ellicott City liber 8647 folio 380

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good            | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Williams-Biller House is located at 9583 Old Annapolis Road in the Columbia vicinity in central Howard County, Maryland. The house faces northeast toward the road and is a one-story U-plan building with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable with a northwest-southeast ridge. The building is four bays by three bays, and the front wings project forward and have gable roofs with northeast-southwest ridges. The siding may cover asbestos shingles.

On the northeast elevation, the east wing has a pair of one-over-one sash with an aluminum awning and modern trim. The north wing has a single one-over-one sash also with an aluminum awning and modern trim. The center two bays have a porch with beaded-edge-and-center tongue-and-groove-board decking and aluminum on the soffit. There are two one-over-one sash. The northwest elevation of the east wing has a flush door with three lights.

The northwest elevation has three one-over-one sash with aluminum awnings and modern trim. There is a steel bulkhead cellar door in the center. The roof pitch on the northeast half is steep while the southeast half has a shallow roof pitch. The southwest elevation has a one-over-one sash to the west, then a door with nine lights over a crossbuck, a six-light sash, and a projecting wing with sliding glass doors. All of the openings have modern trim. The southeast elevation has two two-light sliding sash with modern trim and aluminum awnings. There is an aluminum porch on the southwest, set to the west, with a concrete deck. To the south is a wood deck with an aluminum roof.

The interior has been completely remodeled and cut up, with a drop ceiling and a raised floor to the rear of the building. This remodeling work all appears to date to the 1970s. There are two rooms in the northwest end wing that have 2 1/4-inch tongue-and-groove pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast. This appears to be the only notable old feature surviving in the building. There is a modern outbuilding behind the house and a modern shed.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

c. 1939

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Notes:

Howard County Land Records, BM Jr. 154-104; 154-106; 156-119; 163-325; 187-16. For the "Columbia Woodlands" subdivision, see the Choyce House inventory (HO-910).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet~~. *Footnotes*

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.09 acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.09 acres

Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries follow the existing property boundaries.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 10/18/2006

street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive

telephone 410-313-4335

city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

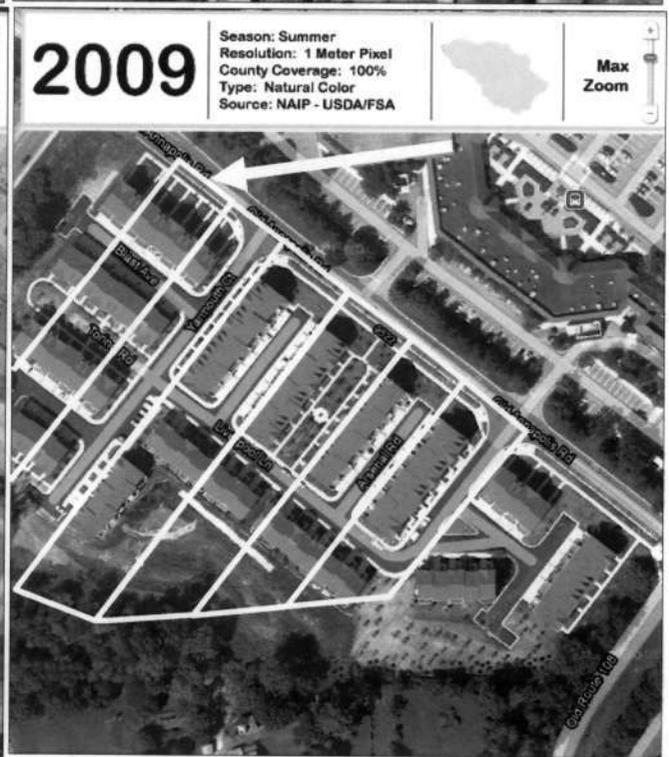
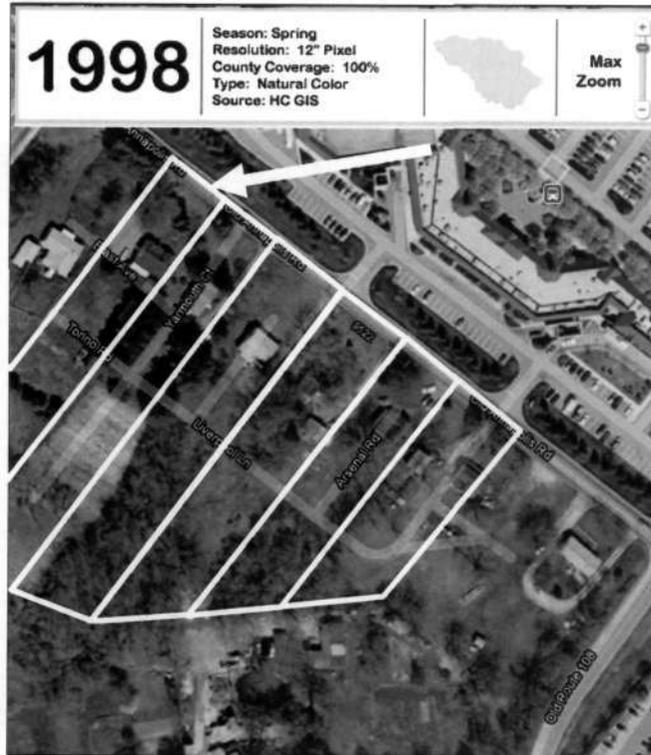
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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
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 CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Laszlo Jozsef Gregor/?	Dorsey Crossing, LLC/MD Corp.	9.15.2004	MDR 8647-380	Deed - fee simple	\$800,000	1.097 ac.	M.G. d. 4.21.2002 Block H, Lot 1
Irvin M. & Ora J. Spicer (H/W)/?	Laszlo Jozsef & Maria Gregor (H/W)/?	4.15.1965	WHH 433-670	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	1.097 ac.	Block H, Lot 1
Louis J. Biller & wf. Ollie M./Howard	Irvin M. & Ora J. Spicer (H/W)/?	12.23.1959	RHM 345-497	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Block H, Lots 1 and 2
Henry K. & Bobbie L. Williams (H/W)/Howard	Louis J. & Ollie M. Biller	10.20.1945	BM Jr. 187-16	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Block H, Lots 1 and 2
William M. & Ruth W. Bond (H/W)/Baltimore City	Henry K. & Bobbie L. Williams (H/W)/Howard	4.29.1939	BM Jr. 163-325	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Block H, Lot 2
William M. & Ruth W. Bond (H/W)/Baltimore City	Henry K. & Bobbie L. Williams (H/W)/Howard	1.30.1937	BM Jr. 156-119	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Block H, Lot 1
The Holloway Co./MD Corp.	William M. & Ruth N. Bond, (H/W), Baltimore City	4.6.1936	BM, Jr. 154-104	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Lot 2 w/restrictions
The Holloway Co., MD Corp.	William M. & Ruth N. Bond, (H/W), Baltimore City	4.6.1936	BM Jr. 154-106	Deed - fee Simple	\$5.00	?	Lot 1 w/restrictions

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Williams-Biller House, site  
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Howard County GIS  
Howard County Aerial Photography Viewer

Demolished c. 2006



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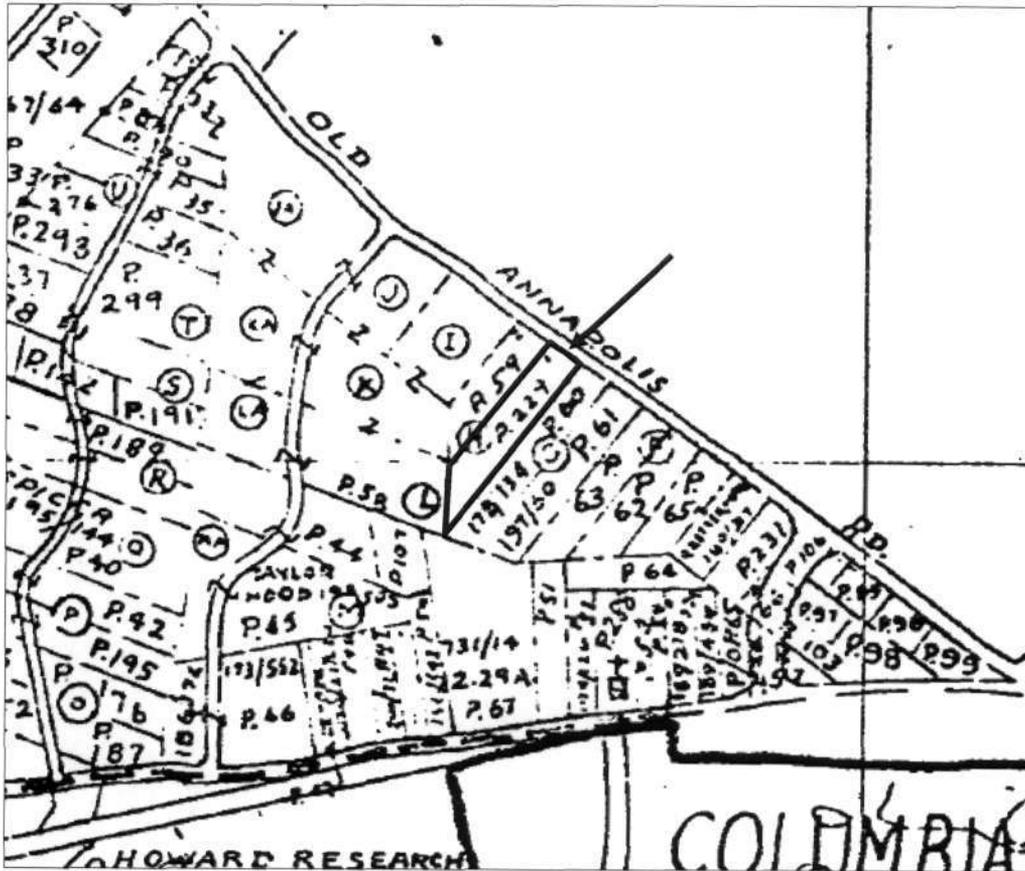
Williams-Biller House, site

9583 Old Annapolis Road

Savage Quad, 1957 (Photorevised 1966 and 1974)



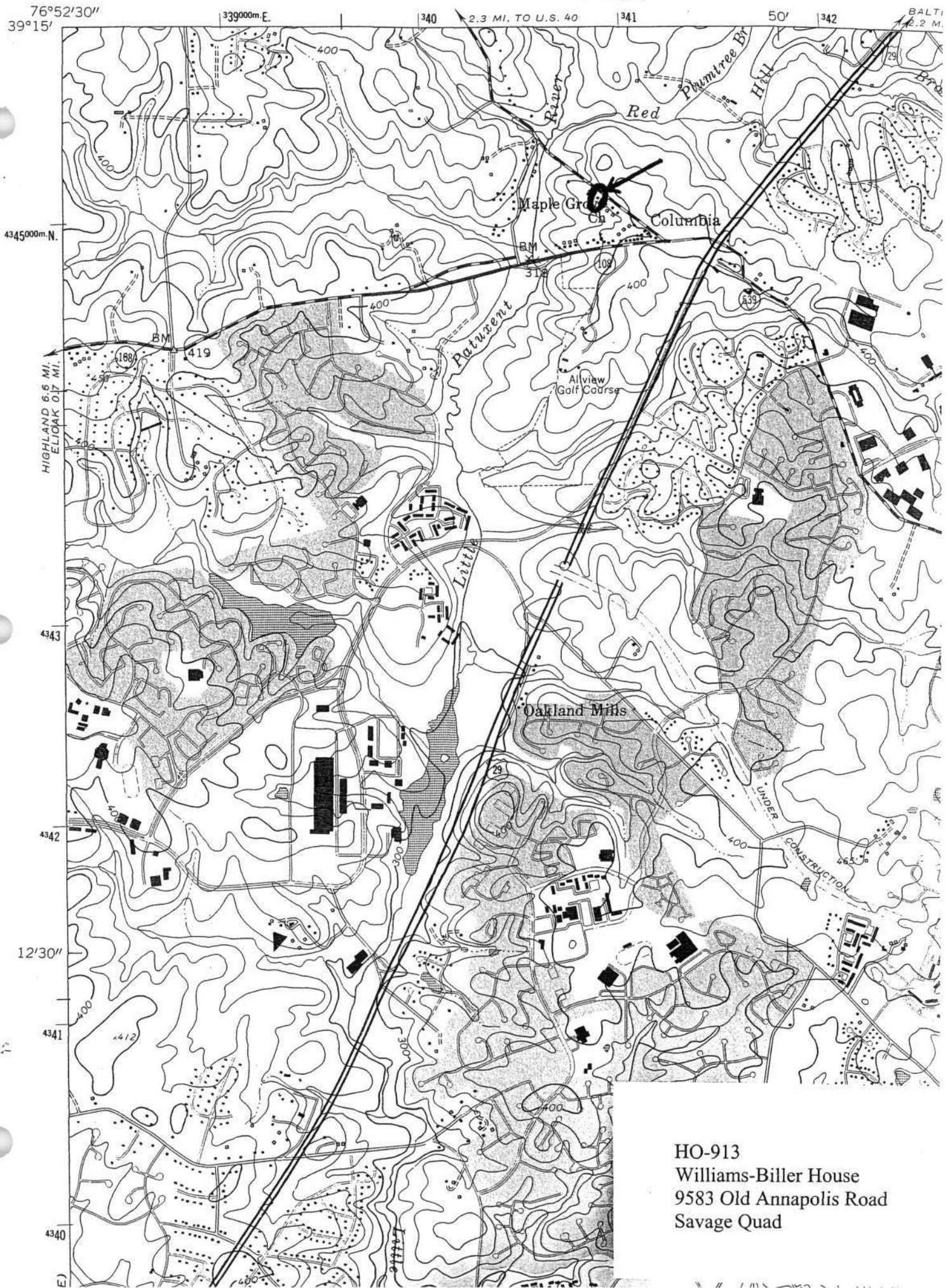
Howard County Tax Map 30, c. 1977, parcel 229



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 Savage Quad

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Howard County, Maryland  
Southeast & northeast elevations  
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Howard County, Maryland  
Northwest elevation  
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Southwest elevation  
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Southeast & Northeast Elevations

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